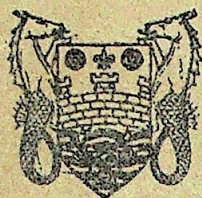


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EDITORIAL

We had hoped that this edition would be the reflection of a vigorous and progressive school. However, we met with apathy from all quarters because of a general failure to realise that this magazine is basically a channel for self expression : the magazine should not be merely a collection of club reports. Enthusiasm rather than talent is the essential factor in any enterprise. Even if we have been somewhat disappointed, the enthusiastic contributions from the juniors and the small percentage of good original work throughout the school does provide hope and encouragement for the future.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. School Term started.

23-30 Upper VI Biology Group to Flatford Field Centre to study Ecology.

16 School Y.H.A. group to Thetford Bridge Hostel.

Oct.

Nov.

3 Upper School to King's College Chapel for Vienna Boys' Choir Concert.

9 Speech Day in Guildhall.

14 School Y.H.A. group to Saffron Walden Hostel.

18 School presented with New Testaments by the Gideon Society.

21 I & II forms visit to the Roman Ruins at Verulamium (St. Albans).

21 School Y.H.A. to Houghton Mill Hostel.

28 School Y.H.A. to Norwich Hostel.

Dec.

9-11 School production of Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It".

15-17 Boys' Grammar School production of "Julius Caesar": members of the Girls' School took part.

16 First Years' Christmas Party given by Upper VI.

17 School Carol Service at the Wesley Church.

18 P.T.A. Christmas Social in School Hall.

Jan.

6 Term started.

7 Scottish Dancing Society demonstration for residents of Stanton House, Old People's Home.

12 V & VI visit to the Arts Cinema to see "Tartuffe" by Molière.

Feb.

- 9 The boiler broke down.
- 18 III Form visit to "An Evening with the Royal Ballet" at Arts Cinema.
- 20 School Y.H.A. group to Houghton Mill Hostel.

March

- 6 Small party to "Day of Dance" at Art of Movement Studio, Addiston, Surrey.
- 6 School Y.H.A. group to Saffron Walden Hostel.
- 10 IV Forms to Marlowe Society production of "Romeo and Juliet" at Arts Theatre.
- 13 Upper School to Wembley for International Hockey match — England v. South Africa.
- 13 School Y.H.A. group to Windsor Hostel.
- 16 III Forms to Homerton College to see hockey tournament — South Africa v. East Anglia.
- 24-31 Upper VI Geography group to Orielton Field Centre, Pembroke, Wales.
- 25 Upper VI French group to performance of Racine's "Andromaque" at the Aldwych Theatre, London.
- 27 School Y.H.A. group to Castle Hedingham Hostel.

April

- 1 School Y.H.A. group to Ely Hostel.
- 2 Term ended.
- 26 Term started.

May

- 6-7 Combined Grammar Schools' Concert at the Boys' School.
- 8 School Y.H.A. group to Ivinghoe Hostel. Visited Whipnade.
Mrs. Beales gave birth to a daughter, Christina.
- 10 'Odysseus' travels' deleted from Art Room wall ! Replacement welcomed.
- 13 P.T.A. Produce Stall on Market.
- 22 School Y.H.A. group to Epping Hostel.

June

- 5-12 School Y.H.A. group walking tour in Yorkshire.
- 24 School visit to Wimbledon.

SPEECH DAY : MONDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1964.

Order of proceedings.

The Chairman of the Governors :

Alderman C. A. Mole.

The Headmistress's Report.

Distribution of Prizes.

Speaker : Professor C. A. Coulson, F.R.S.,

Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford.

Programme of Music.

LIST OF AWARDS, 1963-64.

FIRST FORMS.

Form Prizes : 1D Rachel Clark ; 1P Vanessa Armstrong ; Christine Long ; 1W Jocelyn Tooke.

SECOND FORMS.

Form Prizes : 2L Jean Blades ; 2G Jennifer Hooton ; 2A Anne Rogers.

Progress Prizes : 2L Susan Rowe ; 2A Jacqueline Taylor.

THIRD FORMS.

Form Prizes : 3L Jane Skinner, 3G Margaret Acres ; 3A Sandra Lindsay.

FOURTH FORMS.

Form Prizes : 4L Lynne Hooper ; 4G Pamela Blades ; 4A Marilyn Pearce.

FIFTH FORMS.

Subject Prizes for P.E. : Sylvia Abbis, Mary Hopper.

Subject Prizes on 'O' Level Results : Christine Hales (Grade 1 Mathematics); Harriet McCleery (Grade 1 Biology); Jannette Sale (Grade 1 Biology); Elspeth Scott (Grade 1 Mathematics).

Prizes for 'O' Level Results of a High General Standard : Sylvia Abbiss, Kay Ashworth, Pamela Brook (Grade 1, French); Vivien Collins (Grade 1, French); Susan Crawley, Isobel Fakes (Grade 1, Biology); Gwendoline Hills, Mary Hopper (Grade 1, Mathematics); Susan Johnson (Grade 1, Biology); Ann Jude, Christine Leonard, Ann Lowings, Helen Pask (Grade 1, Chemistry, Biology); Gillian Reynolds, Lesly St. John (Grade 1, Mathematics); Linda Saunders, Christine Savell, Christine Stocks (Grade 1, English Literature, Mathematics); Susan Sutton, Julia Thornely (Grade 1, Biology); Jacqueline Whitmore (Grade 1, Needlework); Margaret Wright.

SIXTH FORMS.

Subject Prizes : Lower VI, Jennifer Broomfield, History and Latin ; Joan Gillingham, Geography ; Elaine Jenkins, Science ; Patricia Kester, English ; Bernice Pound, Mathematics and Physics ; Margery Thomson, English. Upper VI, Charmaine Findlow-Brook (Grade A, English) ; Gillian Springett (Grade A, Bible Knowledge).

Pass in Three Subjects at Advanced Level in G.C.E. : Diana Buston English (Grade A), French, German ; Glynis Carter, Pure Mathematics (Grade A), Applied Mathematics, Chemistry (Grade A) ; Shelagh Croft, English (Grade A), Latin, French (Grade A) ; Ruth Evans, Botany (Grade A), Zoology (Grade A), Chemistry ; Susan Gooding, Geography, Botany, Zoology ; Kay Harrison, Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics ; Susanne de Leros, Botany (Grade A), Zoology (Grade A), Chemistry ; Gillian Madgett, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology ; Jane Wilkerson, Mathematics (Grade A), Physics, Chemistry.

Prize given by the Old Girls' Association for service to the School : Patricia Carter, Carolyn Fell.

Music Cup : Carole Dring.

Head Girls' Prize given by the Parents' Association : Ruth Evans.

House Cups : Hockey, Murray ; Netball, Gray ; Tennis, Blair.

Programme of Music : Senior Choir, Junior Choir and members of the Fourth Forms, 'Folk Songs of the Four Seasons' R. Vaughan Williams, Accompanist : Isobel White (5G).

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT

A calendar of events appears elsewhere in the magazine. Highlights of the year have been the school play, which transplanted us to the Forest of Arden in the middle of the winter, the sharing with the other schools in the magnificent performance of Verdi's Requiem at the Guildhall, and our own Junior and Senior Orchestral Concerts. It has been good to see so many girls taking an active part in these, as in the games and other out of school activities.

Before the results of the examinations are known, even before the papers have been taken, it is early to write a report on the school year. Yet perhaps here is the place to give good wishes to all the leavers, a growing number of whom are entering university, training college, or embarking on various careers.

I should like to thank the committee and all the contributors for their interest in the magazine. It is in every sense, your magazine, and reflects all aspects of school life. It conveys our greetings to all the girls who read it, to the growing number of old girls who are interested to see a copy, to our governors and former members of staff who maintain close connections with the school : this issue in particular conveys special greetings to Miss Pauley whom all of us would like to wish a long and very happy retirement.

S. M. Leech.

MISS PAULEY

This year our senior mistress, Miss Pauley, retires. She started her career here in 1926 after attending Sheffield University and has been a vital influence and much appreciated in the school. She has always had a wide and varied interest in teaching, but we have known her primarily as an English mistress of great imagination. She has been a unifying and outstanding personality during the changes the school has seen. All who have known her have a deep regard and admiration for her, but more than anything else she will be remembered for her endearing personality, her irrepressible sense of humour, and her youthful outlook.

SALVETE

September, 1964.

Mrs. Whitworth, Geography ; Dr. Evans, Chemistry ; Miss Crump, Music ; Mrs. Huson, English ; Mrs. Beales, Latin ; Mlle. Guy, French Assistant ; Mrs. Reicher, Science ; Mrs. Hall, Mathematics ; Mrs. Delaney, P.E. ; Mrs. Benatar, Music.

April, 1965.

Miss Simpson, Latin.

VALETE

Miss Pauley, English ; Mrs. Freeman, Biology ; Mrs. Campbell, Mathematics ; Mrs. Beales (March), Latin ; Miss Budd, Mathematics.



HEADMISTRESS AND PREFECTS



FIRST HOCKEY TEAM



FIRST NETBALL TEAM

GAMES REPORTS

NETBALL, 1964-5.

If not the most skilful, this team must certainly be one of the happiest that the school has produced. The Vth form members of the team were fired with an all-active enthusiasm ; they drew the team together with their nicknames and jokes, and produced a strong feeling of team spirit.

The team was not, however, without ability ; ball control in the attacking court has been extremely dextrous, centre court players have shown unbelievable energy and stamina, and the defensive work has been extremely strong.

Sylvia and Lesley, invaluable members of our school team, are both members of the Schools' county team.

People who usually receive little thanks are those who come to support the team and I should like to say how much we have appreciated supporters' presence this year.

To say that we won well over half our matches plus the Coronation Cup is really a poor gauge of the enjoyment and excitement that being members of the 1st VII has given us.

1st VII : G.K., Lesley St. John ; G.D., Diane Henson ; W.D., Penny Wiles ; C., Sylvia Abbiss ; W.A., Sheila Robshaw, Barbara Hanzl ; G.A., Beverly Thatcher ; G.S., Vivien Collins, Susan Kiddy.

Penny Wiles, U. VI.

HOCKEY. 1964-5

Hockey this year has been satisfactory. The first team was entered for the 1st XI Tournament but was unsuccessful in reaching the finals. Three other matches were played by both the first and under 15 teams : the matches against the Perse School ended in a draw for the first team and defeat for the under 15 team ; the other two matches against Ely High School, one at home and the other away, were lost by both teams. Two matches versus Newmarket and the Cambridge Ladies were cancelled. The Under 15 Tournament was also cancelled.

First Team : D. McDougall, J. Thornely, G. Hibbert, S. Howe, B. Thatcher, S. Corner (Capt.), R. Jenkins, J. Stone, S. Abbiss, Y. Pettitt, C. Paine. Also played : L. Scharer and P. Farmer.

Under 15 Team : S. Rogers, J. Freeman, S. Bachelor, J. Beckett, J. Skelly, R. Cousins, S. Squires, C. Mitchell, P. Farmer, L. Sullivan, M. Thorpe. Also played : C. Attwood and M. Hamon :

The First Team, on the whole, played fairly steadily, showing a marked improvement in defence, especially goalkeeping. The for-

wards, however, lacked verve.

The Under 15s worked hard to improve, and the cancellation of the tournament was a disappointing end to the season.

Many matches have to be arranged for Saturday mornings and one of the difficulties is to have a full team on these occasions. If more people would be willing to spare time, more matches could be arranged. Improvement in play stems from matches as well as practices.

As many members of the teams will be staying on at school next year, the future looks promising.

Stephanie Corner, U. VI.



A GOAL !

Elizabeth Blake, IIIA.

SWIMMING, 1964-5.

As in 1963 the Inter Schools' Swimming Sports were held in the Indoor Swimming Pool on Donkey's Common. With an indoor swimming pool close to the school premises practices were much more popular, and with Miss Schofield's coaching a good team was chosen to represent the school. We won the Schools' Swimming Shield for the second year in succession beating Manor Secondary Modern School by 7 points.

RESULTS :

First Year : Freestyle, T. O'Connell, 1st ; Breaststroke, R. Saunders, 3rd ; Backstroke, T. O'Connell, 1st.

Second Year : Freestyle, J. Blades, 3rd ; Breaststroke, S. Riley, 1st ; Backstroke, J. Hooton, 3rd.

Third Year : Freestyle, S. Squires 2nd ; Breaststroke, S. Squires, 2nd ; Backstroke, Glynis Godsell 2nd.

Fourth Year : Freestyle, P. Norman 1st ; Breaststroke, P. Norman 1st ; Backstroke, B. Hanzl 1st.

Diving : T. O'Connell 3rd.

Open Medley Relay : 1st.

Junior Freestyle Relay : 1st.

Sylvia Abbiss, L. VI.

TENNIS, 1964-5.

During the Summer Term of 1964 there were two major tennis matches for the First VI.

The first was played against the College of Arts and Technology and resulted in a win to the College, 50-31.

Our team —

1st Couple : Janet Clarke (captain), Kay Harrison.

2nd Couple : Gillian Madgett, Angela Law.

3rd Couple : Mary Hopper, Vivien Collins.

Reserve : Sylvia Abbiss.

In our second match, played against St. Mary's Convent, we again lost but the margin was not so great — 42-39. Beverley Thatcher and Janet Ainslie replaced the two players of the original team.

The 4th year team played against Netherhall School.

1st Couple : J. Stone, B. Hanzl.

2nd Couple : E. Gillingham, G. Rayner.

3rd Couple : B. Loker, S. Kiddy.

This time we won 45-36.

Julia Stone, Elizabeth Gillingham and Barbara Hanzl represented the School in the Rackham Cup Tennis Tournament. As in several previous years, our schools — the Girls' and Boys' Grammar Schools — won the cup.

Mary Hopper won the School's Tennis Singles Tournament by beating Angela Law in the final. This was Mary's last match for the School as she left at the end of the 1964 school year, and we wish her every success in the future.

Angela Law, U. VI.

ROUNDERS.

Under 14 Team : Bowler, Jane Skinner, 3L ; Backstop, Glynis Godsel, 3G ; 1st post, Jane Freeman, 3A ; 2nd post, Jennifer Beckett, 3A ; 3rd post, Jean Skelly, 3L ; 4th post, Pauline Farmer, 3A ; 1st deep, Elizabeth Jones, 3G ; 2nd deep, Elizabeth Baynes, 3G ; 3rd deep, Janine Moyse, 3A ; reserve, Diana Hopkins, 3G.

The team played the Perse School twice, losing one match by a narrow margin, and winning the other. The High School had formed a good team (too good for the Grammar !) and our team lost both matches. We played Chesterton and Manor ; winning against Chesterton and losing against Manor, who had some excellent batters. The match against Netherhall was another defeat for the School.

The team felt that their fielding was of a higher standard than their batting : the combination of bowler, backstop and first post was very efficient. The three best scorers in the team were Glynis, Janine and Pauline. The team definitely showed an improvement during the course of the season and I am sure they will miss forming the team for the 1965 season.

The team would like to thank Miss Schofield for all her coaching.

Pauline Farmer, IIIA.

ATHLETICS, 1964-5.

The athletics for 1964 were held at Netherhall Secondary Modern School. As usual Miss Allen and Miss Schofield coached the girls for the competitions, but this year they were helped by Kay Harrison, Cynthia Cousans and Stephanie Corner. The competition was keen and, after an exciting match, we finished in

second place with 66 points. Manor Secondary Modern School won the match with a total of 58 points.

Once again the 15-17 year age group won the 'Cambridge News' shield with a total of 31 points. These results are very satisfying, as we suffer from a lack of training facilities.

Group One. Under 13.

High Jump : T. O'Connell 2nd, 3 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump : T. O'Connell 1st, 12 ft. 5 ins.

C. Herman 4th, 11 ft. 11 ins.

Relay : 2nd.

Group Two. Under 14.

High Jump : J. Riley 2nd, 4 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump : D. Redfarn 1st, 13 ft. 4 ins.

M. Thorpe 3rd, 13 ft. 0½ ins.

Discus : L. Harves 3rd, 58 ft. 10 ins.

70 yds. Hurdles : M. Henderson 4th.

100 yds. : D. Redfarn 2nd, J. Carter 4th.

150 yds. : J. Riley 1st.

Relay : 1st.

Group Three. Under 15.

High Jump : D. Hopkins 2nd, 4 ft. 2 ins.

Discus : P. Farmer 3rd, 63 ft. 8 ins.

150 yds. : C. Godsell 4th.

Relay : 2nd.

Group Four. Under 17.

High Jump : C. Paine 3rd.

Long Jump : S. Abbiss 1st, B. Loker 3rd.

Discus : B. Thatcher 1st.

Javelin : B. Thatcher 2nd, S. Young 3rd.

100 yds. : S. Abbis 2nd, D. Henson.

150 yds. : M. Hopper 3rd, C. Paine 4th.

Hurdles : E. Chamberlain 3rd, B. Loker 4th.

Relay : 1st.

K. Harrison, C. Cousans, S. Corner, H. Marples, S. Abbiss, C. Poine, S. Young, B. Thatcher, B. Loker, were chosen to compete in the Inter-Area Sports held in March.

Sylvia Abbiss, L. VI.

BLAIR HOUSE, 1965.

As is customary, house matches in netball and hockey took place this year but unfortunately the results were disappointing.

Although the first and second year girls were extremely enthusiastic and helpful, they came last in the netball competition. Nevertheless next year they should, if they maintain their eagerness and willingness to practise, do much better.

Many of the older girls were reluctant to attend practices and consequently it proved difficult to form teams. The third and fourth year team came third in netball while the fifth and sixth year team came last, which is a pity, for there are several potentially good players.

The senior hockey team, although containing some enthusiastic and promising girls, came last too.

I should like to thank my deputy, Yvonne, for her help and her support in the senior netball and hockey team. We both hope that next year will prove to be more successful for the house.

Angela Law,
Games Captain.

GRAY HOUSE, 1965

During 1964-65 Gray House has been fairly successful. The senior netball team managed to retain the cup, winning on goal average after drawing with Rose and Murray. We were lucky in having members of both the 1st and 2nd School Netball teams in our team and our main faults were due to lack of practice, not talent. The junior netball team played very well and there proved to be some very promising players in the Second Year. Although the team did not win, their enthusiasm was maintained and the matches were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The Intermediate Netball team consisting of Third and Fourth years, was not very successful and there is room for a lot of improvement in their play.

In the Senior House Hockey Tournament we had to play with nine people as two players dropped out unexpectedly at the last minute. Although we had several 1st team players we could not stand up to the attack of Rose House who beat us and went on to play Murray in the final.

On the whole, the standard of both netball and hockey has improved and it is hoped that it will continue to do so.

Sylvia Abbiss,
Games Captain.

MURRAY HOUSE, 1965

In all Murray House practices and matches this year, players have been very co-operative.

The junior and middle school played very well, but were beaten by considerably better teams.

The Senior House netball team, although a little unco-ordinated at first, played well and drew with Gray and Rose for first position ; Gray, finally winning on goal average.

The Senior House hockey team, for the second consecutive year, won the cup, beating Rose 1-0 in the final. Considering that the hockey team had never played together before, they co-ordinated exceptionally well, with the forward line continually on the attack.

Altogether, this year has been fairly satisfactory for Murray and I sincerely hope this co-operation and enthusiasm will continue.

Beverley Thatcher,
Games Captain.

ROSE HOUSE, 1965

All the Rose House teams showed great interest, both in practices and matches.

The Junior and the Middle School Netball teams played exceptionally well, winning all their games and their respective sections. The Senior Netball team also played well and came joint first with Murray and Gray. Gray, however, finally won on goal average.

The Senior House hockey team played both their matches quite well considering that they had had no previous practice together. They won the first game against Gray, but were beaten by Murray in the final.

Although the House was fairly successful, it is hoped that next year it will improve upon this year's achievements.

Susan Harrild,
Games Captain.

MUSIC NOTES

The School Orchestra.

As well as accompanying hymns in assembly once a week, the orchestra gave a concert for the school at the end of the Christmas term. In addition to various items on the piano, violin and cello, and three pieces from the 'Capriol Suite' by Peter Warlock and one of Dvorak's 'Slavonic dances' were played. At the beginning of the summer term the combined concert will take place; the orchestra conducted by Mr. Varley will play the "Black Lion Dances", by Hugo Cole; and a piano concerto by Mozart. Joan Gillingham will play a flute solo.

At the end of the term we say 'good-bye' to Janet Thoday, who has led the orchestra for some time. We wish her every success in her musical future.

The Senior Choir.

During the school year, some members of the Senior Choir formed an Assembly Choir, to lead the singing in the hall, and to sing descants and altos to some of the hymns.

The Junior Choir and members of the 4th forms joined the Senior Choir to sing extracts from Vaughan Williams "Folk Songs of the Four Seasons" at Speech Day.

At the Christmas Carol Service the Senior Choir sang "Glory to God in the Highest" as an introit to the service, and two other carols, "A Babe is Born", and "Three Kings from Persian lands afar". In addition the school sang four new carols.

During the Spring Term the Choir has been practising for the combined concert with the Boys' Grammar School Choir. This concert will take place in May with a performance of "The Peasants' Cantata" by Bach.

Our thanks go to Miss Crump for the many hours she gives to training the choir.

The Junior Choir.

Since the beginning of the year the Junior Choir has performed in public on two occasions. They joined with the Senior Choir on Speech Day and also performed during the Spring Term their own short opera, "Bastien and Bastienne" (written by Mozart at the age of 12). To do this the Junior Choir joined with the Junior Choir of the Boys' Grammar School. As well as two public performances, "Bastien and Bastienne" was given one afternoon to the school. We all felt this was a great success; the school was especially charmed by the costumes.

Verdi's Requiem.

On March 21st and 22nd members of the choirs of the Boys' and Girls' High School, the Perse Girls' School, the Leys School and the two Grammar Schools, took part in performances of Verdi's Requiem. Professional singers sang the solo parts. The Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra played and the work was conducted by Mr. Naylor of the Leys School on the first day, and Mr. Fielder of the Boys' High School on the second.

All those who sang enjoyed the experience very much and were glad of the opportunity of taking part in this work.

Nina Braude, U. VI.

The Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Schools' Holiday Orchestra.

Anyone passing by the Brunswick School during the Easter holiday was likely to hear sounds of music floating through the windows. It was the Easter meeting of the Schools' Holiday Orchestra. Again we played a wide range of music including Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. The pattern of the rehearsals was similar to that of the Christmas and Summer rehearsals, with tutorials in the morning, junior orchestra early in the afternoon and full senior rehearsal later in the afternoon.

Last Summer a party of us visited Heidelberg. The party played with an orchestra of young people from Heidelberg and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The standard of playing in the orchestra has improved very much since it was founded and the enthusiasm is proved by the increasing number of young people joining the orchestra.

Estelle Baker, V. G.

THE SCOTTISH DANCING CLUB

The Scottish Dancing Club continued to hold regular meetings on Thursdays after school and also gave several demonstrations during the course of the year. The membership of the club has now risen to over sixty.

At the end of the Autumn Term the First Years were entertained at their Christmas party on December 16th by a group of Scottish dancers. The club also provided entertainment at the Parents' Christmas Social held in the School Hall on December 18th.

On January 8th, at the beginning of the Spring Term, senior members of the club gave a demonstration at Stanton House Old People's Home. This was much appreciated and since then we have received invitations to dance at other such Homes, which we

hope to accept in the near future.

The annual party was held in the School Hall on April 1st and was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Once again the members of the club would like to thank Miss Schofield for her help and encouragement throughout the year.

The Upper Sixth members would like to wish the Scottish Dancing Club continued success in the future.

Linda Steggles, U. VI.

THE CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union began its second year with increased and regular support especially in the junior section. Throughout the year a particular interest has been taken in the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society ; we have endeavoured to support the work of the Society by collecting used postage stamps and ship half-pennies. Several of our members have joined the Bible Reading organisation of the Scripture Union.

At the end of the Autumn Term a soundstrip 'Head in the Sand' was shown in the Hall, to which the school was invited : this was well supported and enjoyed by all.

The programme throughout the year in both Junior and Senior sections has included visits from outside speakers, missionaries on furlough, Bible studies, quizzes, slides and many meetings taken by our own members. During the Summer Term we took a particular interest in the missionary work in Africa. A 'Gen Box' giving information on the work of many missionary societies in the area, contained a tape recording from the missionaries on the field, and also slides of their work.

Our thanks go to Miss Wellard and Miss Pyke for all the advice and support they have given us.

Anne Blake, U. VI.

S.C.A.

The Cambridge School Members' Christian Association exists to bring a clearer conception of Christianity today to senior members of Cambridge Schools. Our main meetings, which are held at 8.15 p.m. on Sundays in the Round Church Hall are open to all members of the 5th and 6th forms.

Our activities include talks and discussions, Bible studies, and such social activities as barbecues, punting parties and services. Many claim that Christianity has had its day ; some claim to know Jesus Christ as a powerful friend. To discuss this a number of

house meetings were held in the Spring Term.

At present, from this school, only members of the Upper Sixth go to S.C.A. meetings, but we hope that in future more girls will join in some of the activities.

Nina Braude,
Secretary.

SIXTH FORM SCIENCE CLUB REPORT

The club has been well supported in this its third year by members of Arts and Science Sixth.

Meetings were held, usually in the lecture room, three times each term, addressed by speakers from the wealth of Cambridge scientists. Lectures were given on the subjects of Electron Microscopy, Pathology, Egg transfer, Anthropology and Polar Research. Most were accompanied by interesting specimens and slides, all were preceded by an elegant sufficiency of tea and biscuits and ended with lively discussion. A new departure was followed in our meeting when, on the invitation of Dr. Ferrier who spoke at our first meeting of the year, club members visited the Cavendish Laboratories.

Elaine Jenkins, U. VI.

JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

This year the Junior Science Club has continued its interesting activities under the direction of Mrs. Freeman. We have had a talk and a debate as well as making chemical gardens and seeing a film show.

BADMINTON CLUB

There has been a good response to the opening of a Badminton Club for the third forms. There is great keenness amongst them whereas the numbers of the Senior Club have dropped recently, although we hope that seniors will play again in the near future. We should like to thank Miss Allen for the interest which she has shown and the help that she has given, and Mrs. Bilborough who has coached the third formers.

Rosemary Jenkins, U. VI.

SHAKESPEARE FOR ALL — July, 1964.

"A Shakespeare festival will be held to commemorate Shakespeare's four hundredth anniversary. Any form wishing to enter the drama competition must choose an extract from one of Shakes-

peare's plays, lasting not more than fifteen minutes". (Aside of groans and excited murmurs). "There will be two groups—seniors, fourth to sixth forms, and juniors, second and third years".

Among the entries "Macbeth" was very popular. Being a witch has its advantages in giving opportunity for letting off steam and wallowing in make-up. There were also extracts from "The Merchant of Venice", "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "As You like It" and "Romeo and Juliet".

There were six entries in the junior group. The extract from "Romeo and Juliet" deserves a mention, but the extract from "As You Like it" gained first place for its warmth and vigour.

In the senior group there were five entries. The extract portraying the quarrel over the changeling boy, from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" gained first place for its feeling of lightness, simplicity and freshness. (The scepticism about Sixth Form fairies was completely dispelled).

The First Years must not be forgotten. They read the allotment of parts and the Pyramus and Thisbe play from "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Then they proceeded to re-enact the story in their own words. The result was not only successfully amusing, but showed a delightful lack of inhibition.

The costumes and settings of most of the extracts were worth notice.

Jane Boyes, U. VI.

"AS YOU LIKE IT"

The School production of "As You Like It" was a triumph in spite of the difficulties of girls playing male parts ; but this problem was approached with humour, which increased considerably when our actresses were presented with braces ! The play itself ran for three nights, of which, perhaps the second was the most successful. By then the actresses had lost their nerves and were heartened noticeably by the warm reception of the audience. The production was enhanced by several original touches : the amusing page boys changing the scenery, Touchstone's varied antics and the wrestling scene, carried out with great enthusiasm by its participants. There must surely be a mention here of Wendy Oliver who rose in status from pageboy to court fop because of the illness of the original Le Beau ; she managed admirably. Our thanks must go to all those who made the play possible and for their untiring work in making it a success but most of all to Mrs. Law who produced the play with the unselfish devotion of all her free time.

Barbara Mathews, U. VI.

"JULIUS CAESAR"

We and four other valiant souls encroached on the male stronghold of the Boys' School when, with eighty actors and stage-staff from that institution we attempted to do justice to Shakespeare's gory epic.

After exhausting rehearsals which invariably involved a six mile cycle ride in all weathers, the play was produced on December 9, 10 and 11. Although our parts were small — we of the nobility being Caesar's and Brutus' wives and Kay Ashworth, Christine Doggett, Linda Saunders and Julia Thornley providing the female element of the plebian mob — nevertheless, our brief appearances lightened the political intensity of a possibly weighty play.

Although we were hardly vital characters we did enjoy the experience of acting at the Boys' School : chip feasts in the make-up room , near impalement on Roman swords while contributing bloodcurdling sound effects off stage for the battle scene , and our décolleté costumes which drew comments such as this from one small boy — "Your petticoat is showing !"

We all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and hope others will have the opportunity to do so in the future.

Rosemary Haynes & Jennifer Broomfield, U. VI.

JUNIOR DRAMA CLUB

The Junior Drama Club, for First and Second Years, usually meets after school every Thursday.

Owing to the rehearsals for the School Play, "As You Like It", in which some members enjoyed being woodlanders and pages, no meetings were held in the Christmas Term.

In the Spring Term the club was well attended and, under the direction of Mrs. Law, time was given to miming and improvisation ; the short plays thus formed being acted to the Senior Club.

This Summer each form is busily engaged in producing a separate play which they hope to show to the school at the end of term.

Wendy Oliver, II. L.

SIXTH FORM LECTURES

Three series of lectures were arranged during the last year for the Sixth Forms as well as the wide range of topics presented by guest speakers.

The subjects for lectures by members of the School Staff were :

"Greek Civilisation and Roman Britain", "Art Appreciation" and "Emergent Africa".

During the Autumn Term two careers lectures were held. Miss Stevens from Leeds University enlightened us on "Life in a University" and Mr. Stephenson and Miss M. Hall gave us a fascinating talk about Voluntary Service Overseas. Miss Hall later returned to tell us about her experiences of V.S.O. work in the New Hebrides.

The Christmas Holiday Lectures were held again this year, a wide scope of subjects being covered.

Mrs. Watt gave an illustrated talk on Zambia and Malawi at the beginning of the Spring Term and this was followed by "Freud and his theories", expounded by Dr. Thorless.

"The Future of N.A.T.O." was the subject chosen by Mr. Wilson for his lecture at the beginning of the Summer Term, and Dr. Needham comes to speak on "China Today" at the end of the year.

Joan Gillingham, U. VI.

THE SCHOOL CHARITY REPORT, 1964/65

School (Autumn Term): Freedom from Hunger £4-10-4.

Carol Service : Cardiac Research Fund — Papworth, £15-8-0.

2nd Years "Sunny Smiles": National Children's Home, £36-5-0.

School : Winston Churchill Memorial Fund, £9-15-0.

Junior Charity Week :

1D £5, 1P £5-17-0, 1W £8, Dr. Barnardo's Home (Cambridge);
2B £6-8-0, N.S.P.C.C.; 2L £8-10-6, Spastics Society ; 2C £2-9-0,
Oxfam ; 3A £8-4-3, N.S.P.C.C.; 3G £6-7-6, Oxfam ; 3L £8-8-0.
Professor Mitchell's Cancer Research.

Senior Charity Week :

4A £9, Multiple Sclerosis ; 4G £24-5-0, Cancer Research ; 4L
£8-5-0, Mission to Lepers (Hong Kong); 5A £6-10-0, Spastics
Society (Cambridge); 5G £7, Professor Mitchell's Cancer Research
Fund ; 5L £7, Cardiac Research (Papworth); L. VI 2 £5-10-0,
Professor Mitchell's Cancer Research ; L. VI 1 £12-10-0, Cambridge
Aged Blind ; U. V. £12-10-0, Cambridge Branch Leukaemia Fund.
Dr. Barnardo's Fund.

During the year 1964, the members of the school branch of the B.H.L. have contributed the grand amount of £147-10-0 towards the upkeep of the Dr. Barnardo's House in Cambridge. There are now 190 members in school and the Easter total this year has reached £73.

C.E.W.C.

(Council in Education for World Citizenship).

The C.E.W.C. has carried out its usual programme of an Inter-School Sixth Form conference at the end of each term.

In the summer term, Charles Judd, the Secretary General of U.N.A., gave a talk on "The Future of the United Nations". At the Christmas conference Dr. Walker of St. John's College outlined the historical background of apartheid in South Africa ; this was then discussed, defended and attacked by a group of South Africans. The most successful meeting of the year was the Easter conference, when the finances of the U.N. were discussed from both the Russian and American viewpoint by an official from the Russian Embassy and an international law expert.

This and the Christmas conference were followed by Folk Concerts.

Angela Webb & Jennifer Broomfield, U. VI.

THE SCHOOLS OF CAMBRIDGE FREEDOM FROM HUNGER CAMPAIGN

The Schools of Cambridge F.F.H.C. Committee, unique in East Anglia, meets once a month and is run entirely by pupils of Cambridge Schools.

The scheme to provide for Mohammed Malek's vocational training at a training centre in Jordan was completed by the beginning of 1965. Our fund-raising activities for this included the organisation and manning of two floats, which toured Cambridge on November 21st and a dance held in the Alex Wood Hall. We have received a copy of Mohammed's report and his progress has been excellent, which makes all our work seem worth while.

Our present project is the purchase of buffaloes to work in the paddy fields of Sarawak. Our "Buffalo Ball" was a great success, partly owing to the publicity it received in the "Cambridge News", where it was explained exactly what was meant by a "Buffalo Ball"!

In recent months our own School's contribution to F.F.H.C. funds has been approximately £54-10-0, £50 being the proceeds from the School play, "As You Like It" and the rest the result of a retiring collection after assembly one morning. This is an excellent total, and we hope for the continued support of the School.

I. Fakes & C. Stocks, L. VI.

CAMBRIDGE YOUNG UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

This Society is open to all 5th and 6th formers interested in international affairs. Meetings are held in Emmanuel College, Staircase E.2, every fortnight on Thursdays at 8.15 and take the form of discussions led by a speaker, film shows, etc. Other activities organised by the club include folk concerts and dances.

Angela Webb, U. VI.

FLATFORD

September 23rd, 1964, saw the Sixth Form Biology group assembled at Cambridge station in preparation for the journey to Flatford. Cases were bulging, wellington's were dangling and everybody seemed to be in high spirits.

On arriving at Flatford Mill that evening we had a large meal after which we were briefed by the warden. The aim of the course was the study of living things in their natural environment — ecology — so every day we examined various habitats, fresh water, saltwater, marsh and woodland, from which we collected many specimens — small and large.

Most of us slept in Willy Lott's cottage — his home from 1761-1849. Our first action was to explore the low ceilinged rooms with their heavy timber beams, squeaky doors and enormous fireplaces, in which we dumped our wet muddy wellingtons after each day's trek. An eerie atmosphere was maintained even in the laboratory where we worked from 5.30-10.30 p.m. making notes on the day's activities and attempting to identify and draw specimens collected.

Thus our work was fairly intensive and much was gained from the course. There was, however, a much lighter side to our stay from which much amusement was gained. At another time one of us fell over in the Wrabness Salt Marsh — more mud than salt ! Her notebook was utterly destroyed and she did not look nearly so beautiful, or indeed at all normal covered in mud ! Then there was the time when we were all trying to recover someone's pencil case from a fast flowing stream, and the evening when we were invited to inspect the fungi specimens collected by another party. We all trailed down to the laboratory and became so absorbed in the specimens that the assistant warden, Geoffrey, found himself with no-one to teach and so he came too.

Finally the week came to an end. The morning of the 30th was occupied by vigorous repacking of cases to be reluctantly returned to Cambridge.

Angela Law, U. VI.

ORIELTON, 1965

On 24th March, 1965, Pembroke Castle was invaded for the first time in history by thirteen Cambridge Grammar School girls. Nevertheless Pembroke withstood the onslaught as it did that of the Celtic hordes centuries ago. Orielson House, the field centre, was an austere Georgian mansion situated on a ridge (old red sandstone for the geologists) dominating the surrounding wooded countryside.

Despite an inauspicious beginning — one girl violently ill and the rest seriously endangering their lives in a torrential Welsh downpour — the rest of the course proved to be stimulating.

By the end of it we had travelled throughout the whole of the Angle Peninsula — chiefly on foot ! We had made an intensive study of the awe-inspiring coastline ; of the geological structure of the peninsula ; and a survey of settlement, including Pembroke itself. But indeed, as Miss Foy said when she saw us buying ice-creams, "They think they're on holiday".

Charmaine Findlow-Brooke
Margery Thomson

} U. VI.

Y.H.A. VISIT TO TANNER'S HATCH AND HOLMBURY ST. MARY

Five people with two teachers, Miss Wellard and Miss Shearcroft, visited Tanner's Hatch and Holmbury St. Mary in Surrey.

We arrived late at night at Boxhill Station. Excitedly everyone brought out her flashlight to light our way along the country lane to the Youth Hostel.

Tanner's was originally a woodcutter's cottage. The bunks — two of them three tier — are made of tree trunks from the forest. There is no electricity so we had to use hurricane lamps. One member discovered cracks in the floor through which we could see the warden 'blowing up' the fire with bellows.

The next morning (Saturday) we prepared for the hike to Holmbury, the next hostel. Soon after 10 a.m. we left Tanners in the brilliant sunshine and passed through the woods. We were often on high ground and stopped to look at the view while others picked wild blackberries. After about half an hour's rest we set off again vowing not to stop until lunchtime. When the time drew near we began to look round for suitable places. We soon found one, a seat under a large oak tree.

We unpacked rucksacks to find the sandwiches we had made earlier. Two unfortunate people found that their Pepsi Colas had

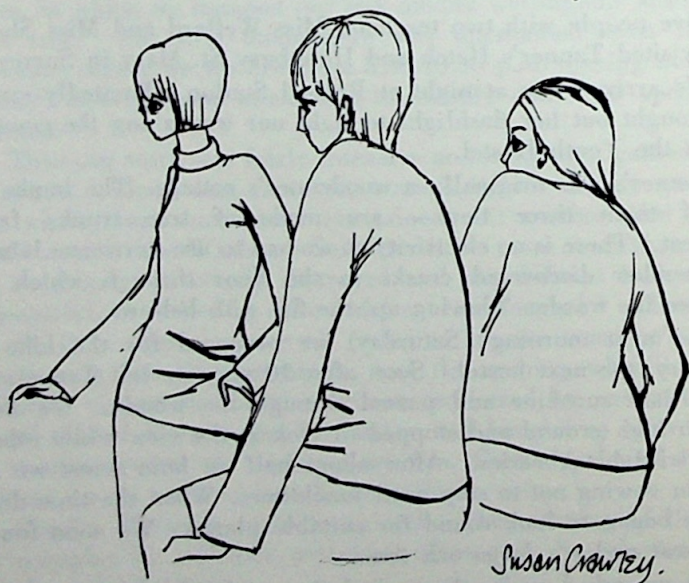
burst out from their Tupperware cups ! After a long rest we set off once more for the village at Abinger where there is a clock called "Abinger Hammer" because a man with a hammer strikes the gong.

Feeling quite refreshed with ice lollies, we slung on rucksacks and continued on our way, this time through a very wooded area. A long hour passed and we were still trudging along. Then Miss Shearcroft called a halt. Little did we know that the hostel was just round the corner. However, after 5 p.m., when the hostels open, we walked that little distance and at once booked in at Holm-bury St. Mary which, unlike Tanner's Hostel, was built as a Youth Hostel. It has a very well kept large garden and lawns. The dormitories are large but separated into blocks, each having four bunks.

On waking up in the morning, we saw the sun shining brightly through the windows. We had a good meal of eggs, beans and bacon before walking to Leith Hill where we climbed up the tower which makes the hill 1,000 feet — enough to allow it to be called a mountain. The countryside was covered in ferns and was very hilly. Then we boarded the train at Holmwood Station and on the train we watched the hills roll by but they soon changed into part of the London suburbs.

So, farewell Tanner's Hatch.

Jocelyn Tooke, II B.



THE SPECTATORS

THE WITCH

In the long cold winter evenings,
With her black cat by her side,
By light of moon and star she goes
On her strange, lone ride.

When she's far from village folk,
And reaches Salisbury Plains,
She shrieks and shouts, and flies about
With madness in her veins.

Her cat appears to love the noise ;
Her cloak streams all about,
And from her eyes a strange glow shines,
A WITCH, without a doubt.

But when the morning light appears,
And the sun begins to rise,
She loses all her magic powers
And back again she flies.

So if you see her one dark night,
Zooming overhead,
I hope that you will go straight home
And snuggle into bed.

Linsay Jeevar, II C.

LIFE FOR THE AFRICAN IN SOUTH AFRICA

Life in South Africa, as I found it, is very easy and luxurious if you close your eyes to the political situation.

The natives are treated as third-rate citizens and have no equal rights. They have to live outside the town in special locations where about eight to fifteen people live in each small hut. Most of them work as servants for the Europeans and therefore have to come into the town early every morning. For this they all must have passes — if not they will be arrested. They are arrested for any trivial reason and are constantly harassed by the police.

There are many very brilliant Africans in South Africa to-day, but these people are just not given a chance in the world. The little African children crave for proper education, but there are far too few schools and the schools that there are have mostly unqualified teachers.

Most of the servants are paid very little, and, having large families, they are sometimes tempted to steal and beg. If they get

desperate and do steal they are usually caught and flung into jail.

Everywhere in South Africa one sees notices reading : "Blankers alleen" (Europeans only). The Africans are constantly confronted with these notices — every day and every moment of their lives.

How would you feel if you were a native in South Africa ?

Charmaine Herman, II B.

NON-STOP TO ISRAEL

In a Boeing 707, one hundred and ten members of the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain flew in to Israel with the success of two concerts ringing in their ears. Of course, we had people to look after us, about an extra ten including our Musical Director and Founder, Dr. Ruth Railton.

We left Britain on a warm day and arrived four hours later on a red-coloured air strip at Lod Airport in Israel. The soil is very sandy and everything has a red appearance, especially at sunset which lasts for about twenty minutes. This was my first glimpse of Israel and I was very impressed.

As we flew over the country we saw the new flats, office blocks, factories and schools which are being built. We discovered on sightseeing tours that there are still many slums which are inhabited by Arabs. When walking in Nazareth it seemed as if we were walking in Bible times ; donkeys were tied to walls, women were carrying pots on their heads while doing their work. The houses had flat roofs — the streets were dirty and narrow. Galilee was beautiful with its wide roads, swaying palm trees, and blue, blue sea.

We gave eight concerts, in halls varying from baseball stadiums to cinemas and amphitheatres. The hall in Jerusalem was most impressive because the stage was larger than any school hall imaginable. The size of our audiences varied from two to five thousand, and we met many famous people, from the Queen of Greece to the President of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Israel.

We came home bronzed yet tired ; and sad because many people were leaving the orchestra after that, and tired also because we had worked so hard. This year we are going abroad again, but it is not certain where — perhaps Japan !

Janet Thoday, L. VI, 2.

BOREDOM

Smoky room,
Jazzy toots
Punctuate
Contemplation.
Have to turn
To the crowd,
Join the
Conversation.
"And there's the bomb",
Bleats a voice
Through peroxide
Mass of hairs
"We're living in a doomed world".
Who cares ?

Jane Hall, III G.

A DAY ON WHEELS

My family all belong to a veteran cycle club of about forty members, which meets at Long Sutton. A rally is organised annually by the National Cycling Club and is known as "The National". The run lasts a whole day and covers about twenty miles. Each club in turn acts as host, laying on refreshments, mapping out a route and providing marshals, and this year it is our club's turn to act as host.

Last year the run was held at Benson, near Oxford. The riders set off from the local playing field in pairs at one-minute intervals and altogether over a hundred riders took part.

After the first five miles we stopped at one of the four checkpoints along the route. We cycled through pleasant countryside for another five miles to the Sprat public house, where we had lunch and a well-deserved rest. At this point the many spectators had a chance to examine the machines and talk to the riders.

We stopped again in the afternoon and finally reached Benson at about three-thirty. All riders who got back before four o'clock were entitled to a certificate.

The main attraction of any rally is the penny farthings. My father is often seen going downhill with his feet sticking out. This

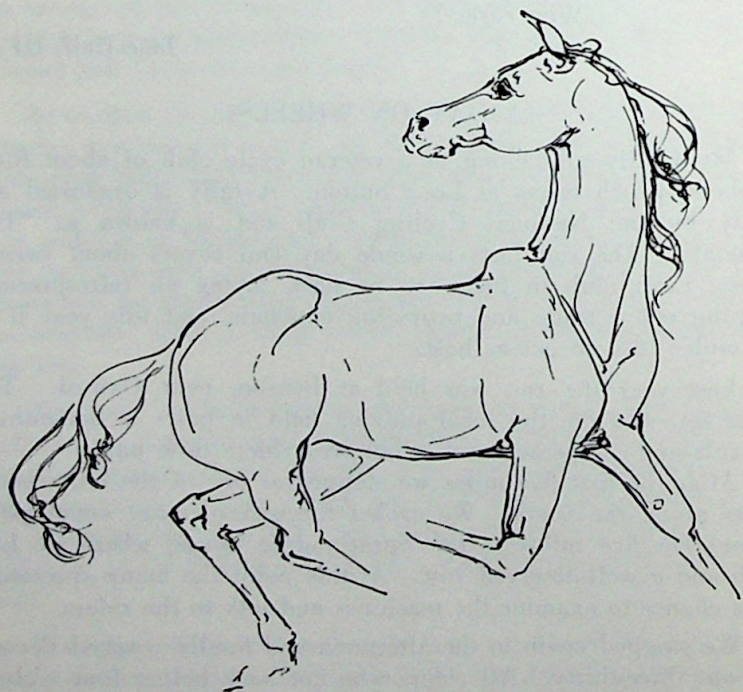
is because the wheel is fixed and if the pedals do not go round the bicycle will stop dead.

The rider of a boneshaker has the hardest job as it really lives up to its name. It is made of solid metal except for the wooden seat. My mother rides a Ladies' Premier Safety of about 1910, my father rides a 52 inch ordinary or pennyfarthing of about 1890, my sister rides 36 inch smaller version of a penny farthing of about 1896 and I ride a Crypto Bantam of about 1895, which is like a baby pennyfarthing.

When we ride in processions, we all dress in the costume of the time of our bicycle. I wear an ankle-length divided skirt and a blouse with leg-of-mutton sleeves.

We really enjoy ourselves on these runs and hope to go on many more.

Christine Mills, IV G.



THE HORSE

E. Jenkins U. VI.

TO A SNOWFLAKE

Not long till winter now
That time of year so welcome after summer
As the mind grows gradually tired of green
It longs for white snow,
Glistening,
Silent,
And soft.

Each flake pure, fragile and accurate to the
last minute detail,
Gently falling and silently.

Such a delicate pale flake as this is beautifully
woven from curled silver vapour and frost . . .
To be destroyed on the return of spring.

Sarah Baker-Smith, IV G.

PARIS LE PEU CHANGEANTE

Paris is a city which has a timeless beauty. It is a city which gives the impression of light and space, usually only found today in the very modern cities of the world. The outskirts of Paris are the only places where modern architecture has been allowed to take precedence over that of tradition ; but it is the heart of Paris which is spellbinding.

Here, the buildings are mostly of the yellow stone so typical of the city. Most of the architecture dates from the nineteenth century when Napoleon I inaugurated the building of great public monuments, completed under later monarchs. Also, there are the really ancient buildings such as Palais de Justice, once the Royal Palace, the Church of Saint Julien Le Pauvre, which dates from the twelfth century and the Hotel de Clugny, a mansion which has remained untouched since the times of cross-bows and halberts.

Paris, fascinating for its historical interest, is the true hub of France. As the capital city, it dominates France far more than London dominates England, and it is commercially the most important city in the country.

Paris is perhaps at its most beautiful in early summer, for the boulevards are lined with trees, lending an atmosphere of coolness and peace in spite of the fast pace of life in and around them. Paris has many open spaces and rural touches, such as parks and gardens, and on sunny afternoons these places are the haunt of nannies and children.

Paris, once explored, puts a spell on the visitor which makes him wish to return again to "La cité la plus belle".

Jane Boyes, U. VI.

LIMERICK

Puella parva est in ludo.
Et olim inquit "Amulabo
Domum" sed magistra
Inquit "I ! Labora !"
Puella inquit "sed est sero !"

Margaret Henderson { III L.
Jennifer Brimicombe

ODE TO A MUFFIN

O golden muffin toasting on the grate,
Here we do sit and think upon your fate,
In from the cold and wintry day we've rushed,
To warm our freezing hands, and faces flushed.
We'll drink some tea, and eat some bread and jam,
And may be if we're lucky have some ham.
But most of all we love the muffin best,
Which when it's buttered hot we seize with zest.
But have you ever thought how sad t'would be,
To find oneself loved once, and just for tea ?

Mary Phillips, IV G.

DEPRESSION

Submission to the invincible forces of reality,
Sunlight excluded by a humid pulsating cloud,
Do not listen to me should I shout aloud,
Of the things that grieve and torment me.
Why can I not constrict my throat, never to release them ;
Words made rancid, thoughts made rank,
Tainted by the atmosphere that conceives them.
Should I stimulate every neuron in my body to fight
To exterminate leaden thoughts ?

To fight

To lose

To choose

To want

To win

Yet lose.

No, there is no army of meditation capable of occupying the
invaded mind.

This is oppression,

This is desertion,

Depression.

Penny Wiles, U. VI.



CAST OF "AS YOU LIKE IT"



SCHOOL JOURNEY TO NORWAY



THE SCHOOL JOURNEY TO NORWAY, JULY, 1964

7.30 on the 30th of July on Cambridge Station saw the departure of our gallant band for darkest — Norway. The party consisted of thirty intrepid adventurers led by seven members of staff. Our ship the S.S. Leder sailed from Newcastle, taking nineteen hours to cross to Bergen, during which several members of the party became somewhat less intrepid !

However, our first sight of Norway next morning considerably revived us. From here we caught a train to Bulken which was to be our headquarters for the next two weeks. A little way up the mountain, we established our "base camp" at Hotel Dallane Fjellstone. The hotel was very comfortable and the food was delicious and plentiful.

On our first morning we all walked to Bulken, the nearest village, and back in time for lunch. In the afternoon those who had recovered sufficiently from the unaccustomed exercise swam in the pool.

Naturally, our first excursion was to a fjord. We visited two, the Hardanger and later the famous Sogne, queen of Norway's fjords. The scenery was magnificent, and almost impossible to describe adequately ; a symphony of mountains, trees dripping with mosses and lichens, and rushing water-falls.

We spent one day in Voss, a nearby town, where we bought souvenirs, visited a folk museum and explored the exhibition. There were displays of local carving, national costumes and some of the intricate Hardanger embroidery worked in black cross stitch on white cloth.

We visited a saeter, an upland farm where the cows are taken in summer to graze on the rich mountain pastures. The owner, who spoke excellent English, gave a talk on life at the saeter when he was a boy and how it differed from the life he led today. Then we all packed into the tiny farmhouse for an enormous tea of traditional Norwegian food, including the national dish, sour cream porridge, which remains a subject of fierce controversy to this day ! However, we all enjoyed ourselves immensely, despite the impromptu arrival of the cows, in the middle of the meal.

A long scramble to the top of a mountain formed a fitting climax to a wonderful holiday. From the summit we could see the beginning of the Hardanger Fjord far below and in the distance,

ANNUAL REPORT

Higher Grade, Central and Grammar School Old Girls' Association.

During the past year the Old Girls have met on four occasions; last June for a coffee evening in the School Hall and in October for the annual general meeting. The Old Girls now hold an extra coffee evening during the year, the first of which was in March. Our annual dinner, which was again held at Owen Webb House in April, was a great success. On this occasion our guests were Miss Leech, Miss Harrold (Assistant Matron at one of the City Hospitals) and the Head Girl.

Past and present pupils were sad to hear of the death of Miss Shedd, a former teacher and regular attendant at Old Girls' functions.

The Association was pleased to see a slight increase in membership over the past year but would still like to see new and young faces at future meetings.

Mary Bath, Honorary Secretary.

GHANA TODAY

'Osagyefo', the Black Christ, better known to most Europeans as Kwame Nkrumah, the man who struck terror into the hearts of many men, who inspired not only his own nation but other African nations into believing that he was the Messiah of Black Africa, and who endeavoured to make Accra the mecca for all black Africans, is losing his hold on African politics. One of the many imposing buildings he has had erected in Accra, in the past seven years, is the Conference Hall which has only just been finished, ready for the conference of African nations to be held later this year. This building cost £700 million; £700 million Ghana cannot afford. However, this building and the other 'presige' buildings give to Accra a veneer of prosperity and wealth, prosperity which could be hers, for Ghana is a potentially wealthy country.

At the end of April of this year it was impossible in Accra to buy necessary foodstuffs and even matches; matches that were made in Ghana were difficult to obtain. Apart from the lack of the neccessities of life there was a shortage of petrol and no petrol except aviation spirit is being imported. Once reserves of petrol are exhausted the country will be without. Needless to say in a situation such as this, black marketeers and smugglers are making fortunes. Customers in hotels and bars are asked to drink their

beer in dark corners or behind curtains because it was smuggled into the country.

How has Ghana, a country prosperous when the British left, become a nation with a balance of payments problem which she is unable to solve? When Ghana received her independence, the British left £300,000,000 in the Ghana Cocoa Bank. This money was to be used for the fight against, and research into, cocoa disease. Within six months Nkrumah had spent the entire sum.

Today Ghana's ports are empty except for the ships from China, which are laden above the plimsol line with Japanese goods, manufactures which China has brought from Japan to sell to Ghana at double the original price. Ghana has nothing with which to trade with China. Her cocoa exports go to Western Europe, Britain in particular. So the ships leaving Taboradi and Accra return empty to China, and the holds have to be pumped with water to give the ship correct weight.

Until recently Nkrumah has just managed to keep his economy above water, but with Russia's refusal of more money and a similar reply from Britain and America he has turned in desperation to the International Monetary Fund for help. At the moment a fact-finding delegation is in Ghana, and on their report rests the future of Ghana.

Today Nkrumah is a worried man, the present situation could become worse. The people in the streets talk openly of revolt. Europeans are openly abusing him, something that would not have been dared a year ago. Nkrumah, the Black Christ, so terrified of being assassinated sits in his house guarded by henchmen from his own village. He trusts no one!

He realises his power is waning; he is no longer the strong Osagyefo that the party newspapers talk of so glibly. Nkrumah is a rousing speaker, but even his stream of abuse against imperialists and colonists, even his promises of greater wealth and freedom are no longer as invigorating to the man in the street as once they were. The Ghana people remember that when the British were there food was plentiful and large amounts of money were in circulation. Today there is only hardship.

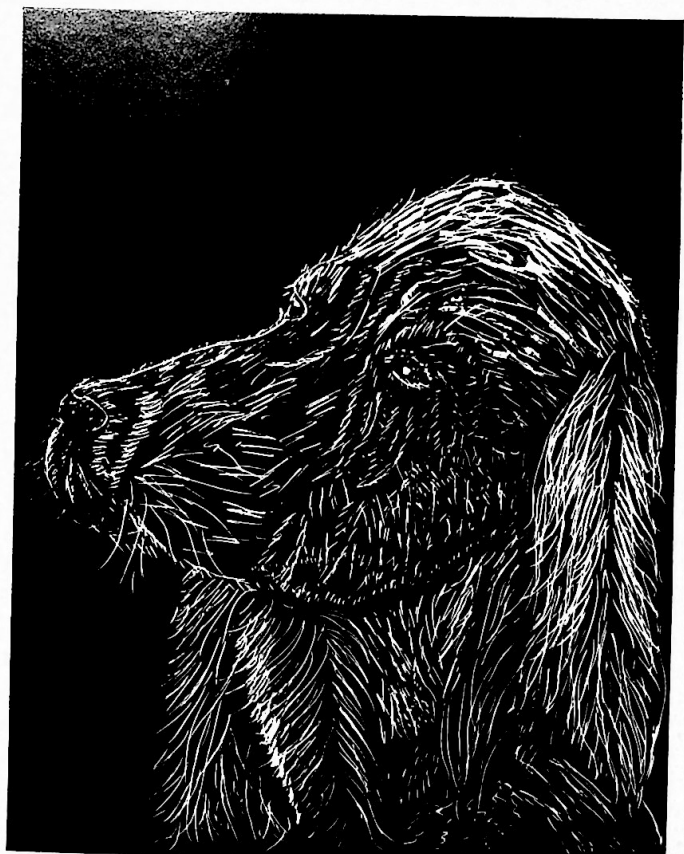
However, if Nkrumah were to resign or if he were to be assassinated, there is no one to whom Ghana could turn for strong leadership. The country would be torn by civil strife and the outcome would be a possible second Congo.

So this one party, one leader, system continues, the policy of which is Nkrumahism. The country is governed by one man who is afraid to walk outside his front door, one man who is kept on his feet by stimulants during the day, and who is heavily sedated at night.

It is uncertain how long Nkrumah will last. If Nigeria and Niger Province carry out the boycott of the forthcoming conference of African Nations, as has been rumoured, Nkrumah will be politically as well as economically ruined. (It is worth noting that, despite the rumours, the two States will most probably attend in order to maintain African unity).

If the International Monetary Fund should decide to lend Ghana the money she requires, it is more than likely that the one condition will be the resignation of Kwame Nkrumah. There is, also, the possibility of revolution in Ghana and either Nkrumah will be forced to resign or his powers will be greatly diminished. Whichever way the situation in Ghana develops Nkrumah's position does not appear a healthy one.

Charmaine Findlow-Brook U. VI.



THE DOG

Sally Switzer
II L.

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